

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

CITIZEN ADVISORY GROUP (CAG) FOR THE EASTERN MANAGEMENT AREA IN THE SANTA YNEZ RIVER VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN

MEETING WILL BE HELD **VIRTUALLY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**
AT 2:00 P.M., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 03, 2026

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MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) Volunteer Selection for Upcoming Board Meeting Report-Out
3. Public Comment (Any member of the public may address the CAG relating to any non-agenda matter within the CAG’s jurisdiction. The time for public comment allotted for each individual shall not exceed three minutes.)
4. CAG Membership Review
5. Well Registration and Metering Program
 - a. Well Registration Update
 - b. De minimis extractor proposed updated definition and policies
 - c. Correspondence with EMA meter suppliers
6. Public Draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan Periodic Evaluation [Published here:](#)
7. EMA GSA Initiatives Update www.ema-santaynezwater.org/2026-09-03-ema-gsa-cag-public-meeting-2-00-pm
 - a. FY 2026/27 Groundwater Extraction Fee Administration
8. Proposition 68 Grant Initiatives Update
 - a. Component 5 - Well Point Installation Project Drilling Bid
9. Grant/Financing Opportunities
 - a. IRWM Quarterly Grant Opportunities Newsletter [Pages 3-11 \(no update since Q1 2026 at this time\)](#)
10. Future CAG Meeting Date/Time
 - a. Thursday, October 15, 2026 3:00 PM
11. CAG Reports and Requests for Future Agenda Items
12. Future EMA GSA Board Meeting
 - a. Thursday, September 24, 2026 4:00 PM

13. Adjournment

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IRWM Quarterly Funding Email

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Greetings all,

We hope this email finds you well. Below you will find a list of grants, including a brief overview of each grant opportunity, links to additional grant information, and important dates. Please let us know if you have any questions!



Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) 2025-2026 – State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)

ROLLING APPLICATION

The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program assists public water systems in financing the cost of drinking water infrastructure projects needed to achieve or maintain compliance with Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requirements. Program Guidelines amended by the State Water Board on January 21, 2026.

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/services/funding/SRF.html

Emergency Drinking Water Needs/Cleanup & Abatement Account Programs - State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)

ROLLING APPLICATION

The Cleanup and Abatement Account (CAA) was created by California Water Code Sections 13440–13443 to provide grants for the cleanup or abatement of a condition of pollution when there are no viable responsible parties available to undertake the work. California Water Code Section 13442 authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to utilize CAA funds to address an urgent drinking water need. This includes needs due to drought, contamination, or other eligible emergencies.

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/urgent_water_needs.html

County-wide and Regional Funding Program – State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)

ROLLING APPLICATION

The State Water Resources Control Board has funding available from various sources within the Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience (SAFER) Program to fund drinking water projects for counties and eligible partners that address drought-related and contamination issues. Although we have several programs already in place, we have identified gaps for regional programs that address the needs of households served by state small water systems and domestic wells throughout the state.

The Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) does not award funding directly to households, and available DFA funding to address emergency needs of state small water systems and domestic wells can't be implemented on an immediate basis. One key goal of this program is to award funding to counties or their partners to enable them to setup programs proactively, based on anticipated needs, and therefore be ready to respond promptly when urgent needs arise.

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/safer/funding_solicitation.html

Proposition 1-Water Recycling – State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)

Application closes on 6/30/27

The purpose of the funding is to provide technical and financial assistance to local agencies for the construction of water recycling projects that promote the beneficial use of treated municipal wastewater in order to augment fresh water supplies in California.

[Proposition 1 – Water Recycling - California Grants Portal](#)

Closed April 17, 2026. Dudek will monitor.

The U.S. Department of the Interior, through the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) administers a competitive grant program for small water storage and groundwater storage projects, authorized by Section 40903 of the Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act (2021), Public Law 117-58. Reclamation administers the Small Surface and Groundwater Storage Program (Small Storage Program) to enhance water storage opportunities for future generations in support of the Department's priorities. This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Reclamation supports stakeholder efforts to stretch scarce water supplies and avoid conflicts over water in the 17 western states, Alaska, and Hawaii.

[Opportunity Listing - Small Surface Water and Groundwater Storage Projects \(Small Storage Program\)](#)

WaterSMART Applied Science Grants for Fiscal Year 2025 and 2026— United States Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)

This Notice of Funding Opportunity and closing date are paused and under review until further notice.

The objective of this NOFO is to invite eligible non-Federal entities to leverage their money and resources by cost sharing with Reclamation on applied science projects (Project) to improve access to and use of hydrologic data, develop and improve water management tools, improve modeling and forecasting capabilities. Results from these projects will be used by water managers to increase water supply reliability, provide flexibility in water operations, improve water management, and support nature-based solutions. Project results must be readily applicable by managers—resulting in tools and information that can be used to support: water supply reliability, water delivery management, water marketing activities, drought management activities, conjunctive use of ground and surface water, water rights administration, ability to meet endangered species requirements, watershed health, conservation and efficiency, support for nature-based solutions and other water management objectives. In general, under this NOFO, Reclamation will provide funding for applied science projects to develop or improve hydrologic information, water management tools, modeling and forecasting capabilities, and improve nature-based solution decisions. Results from these Projects will be used by water managers to increase water supply reliability, provide flexibility in water operations, and improve water management.

[Applied Science Grants | Bureau of Reclamation](#)

WaterSMART Environmental Water Resources Projects for Fiscal Year 2024 and 2024 — United States Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)

This Notice of Funding Opportunity and closing date are paused and under review until further notice.

The WaterSMART Environmental Water Resources Projects NOFO provides funding for water conservation and efficiency projects, water management and infrastructure improvements, and river and watershed restoration projects and nature-based solutions that provide significant ecological benefits, have been developed as part of a collaborative process, and help carry out an established strategy to increase the reliability of water resources. Nature-based solutions are sustainable environmental management practices that weave natural features or processes into the built environment to promote adaptation and resilience. This NOFO also prioritizes projects that provide benefits to multiple water use sectors.

<https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/353621>

WaterSMART Large-Scale Water Recycling Projects — United Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)

This Notice of Funding Opportunity and closing date are paused and under review until further notice.

Through the Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Program (Title XVI), authorized by P.L. 102-575 in 1992, Reclamation provides financial and technical assistance to local water agencies for the planning, design, and construction of water reclamation and reuse projects. Water recycling is a tool in stretching the limited water supplies in the Western United States. Title XVI projects develop and supplement urban and irrigation water supplies through water reuse, thereby improving efficiency, providing flexibility during water shortages, and diversifying the water supply. These projects provide growing communities with new sources of clean water which increases water management flexibility and makes our water supply more reliable. Through the Large-Scale Water Recycling Program, Reclamation will provide up to 25 percent (%) Federal cost share, with no per-project Federal funding maximum, to water recycling projects that have a total project cost greater than or equal to \$500 million. Large-scale water recycling projects will play an important role in helping communities develop local, drought-resistant sources of water supply by turning currently unusable water sources into a new source of water supply that is less vulnerable to drought and climate change.

<https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/350116>

WaterSMART Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Projects for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 and 2026— United States Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)

This Notice of Funding Opportunity and closing date are paused and under review until further notice.

The U.S. Department of the Interior's (Department) Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Projects (AERP) provides a framework for Federal leadership and assistance to restore and protect aquatic ecosystems in support of the Department's priorities. Through AERP, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) leverages Federal and non-Federal funding to work cooperatively with States, Tribes, and other entities as they study, design and construct aquatic ecosystem restoration projects that are collaboratively developed, have widespread regional benefits, and result in an improvement to the health of fisheries, wildlife, and aquatic habitat through restoration or improved fish passage. Restoring and connecting aquatic ecosystems offers wide-ranging benefits for both communities and the environment. Functioning aquatic and wetland ecosystems provide essential habitat for fish and wildlife, improve water quality, store excess carbon, help mitigate the impacts of drought and flood events, and support water supply resiliency for multiple uses.

<https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/357615>

WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program Phase I for Fiscal Year 2025— United States Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)

This Notice of Funding Opportunity and closing date are paused and under review until further notice.

Through the CWMP, Reclamation provides funding to watershed groups to encourage diverse stakeholders to form local solutions to address their water management needs. By providing this funding Reclamation promotes water reliability and cooperation between stakeholders to reduce conflict, facilitate solutions to complex water issues, and stretch limited water supplies. Applicants eligible to receive an award as a New Watershed Group include states, Indian Tribes, local and special districts (e.g., irrigation, water districts, water conservation districts), local governmental entities, interstate organizations, and non-profit organizations. To be eligible, applicants must also (1) be sponsoring the development of a New Watershed Group, (2) significantly affect or be affected by the quality or quantity of water in a watershed, and (3) be capable of promoting the sustainable use of water resources. Applicants eligible to receive an award as an Existing Watershed Group include states, Indian Tribes, local and special districts (e.g., irrigation, water districts, water conservation districts), local governmental entities, interstate organizations, and non-profit organizations. To be eligible, applicants must also Be an Existing Watershed Group, which meets the definition of a watershed group as described above in Section A.3. Notice of Funding Opportunity Objectives and is legally incorporated as a non-profit entity; be a participating entity in an Existing Watershed Group; or be a fiscal sponsor of an Existing Watershed Group. Applicants (except non-profits organizations) must also be located in one of the following states or territories: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico.

<https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/358088>

Technical Assistance to Tribes for Fiscal Year 2025 — United States Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)

This Notice of Funding Opportunity and closing date are paused and under review until further notice.

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), through the TAP, provides financial and technical assistance to federally recognized Indian Tribes. The TAP establishes cooperative working relationships, through partnerships with Indian Tribes, to assist Tribes as they develop, manage, and protect their water and related resources. The objective of this NOFO is to invite federally recognized Indian Tribes to submit proposals for financial assistance for projects and activities that develop, manage, and protect tribal water and related resources. There is no requirement for a non-Federal cost-share contribution; however, partnering and collaboration is encouraged.

[Search Results Detail | Grants.gov](#)

Emergency Drought Relief for Tribes Fiscal Year 2025 — United States Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)

This Notice of Funding Opportunity and closing date are paused and under review until further notice.

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), through the TAP, provides financial and technical assistance to federally recognized Indian Tribes. The TAP establishes cooperative working relationships, through partnerships with Indian Tribes, to assist Tribes as they develop, manage, and protect their water and related resources, and mitigate the adverse impacts of drought. The objective of this NOFO is to invite federally recognized Indian Tribes to submit proposals for financial assistance for projects and activities that develop, manage, and protect tribal water and related resources. There is no requirement for a non-Federal cost-share contribution; however, partnering and collaboration is encouraged.

[Search Results Detail | Grants.gov](#)

WaterSMART Small-Scale Water Efficiency Projects For Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025 — United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR)

This Notice of Funding Opportunity and closing date are paused and under review until further notice.

The objective of this NOFO is to invite States, Indian Tribes, irrigation districts, water districts, and other organizations with water or power delivery authority to leverage their money and resources by cost sharing with Reclamation on small-scale on-the-ground projects that seek to conserve, better manage, or otherwise make more efficient use of water supplies. Proposed projects that are supported by an existing water management and conservation plan, System Optimization Review, or other planning effort led by the applicant are prioritized. Award ceiling is \$100,000.

<https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/350845>

Watershed Resilience Program-California Department of Water Resources

This Notice of Funding Opportunity and closing date are paused and under review until further notice, will be updated in early 2026.

The Watershed Resilience Implementation Grant Program, funded by Proposition 4, will support projects that improve water resilience and adaptation across California. A tentative schedule plans for outreach efforts to begin in late 2025. This program aims to help communities build stronger, more sustainable watersheds to better handle climate challenges.

[Watershed Resilience Program](#)

Water Desalination Grant Program-California Department of Water Resources

This Notice of Funding Opportunity has been suspended. Dudek will monitor.

The Water Desalination Grant Program is funded by Proposition 1 and Proposition 50. The California Department of Water Resources provides grants to local agencies for the planning, design, and construction of projects to desalinate naturally-occurring brackish and ocean water for potable water supply. It also provides grants for pilot, demonstration, and research projects.

[Water Desalination Grant Program](#)



Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) – State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)

ROLLING APPLICATION

Under federal and state law the primary purpose of the CWSRF Program is to provide financing for eligible projects to restore and maintain water quality in the state. The SWRCB also seeks to reduce the effects of climate change and to promote sustainable water resources for future generations. These objectives must be cost-effective and complement both the federal and state criteria and the policy goals of the State Water Board.

[Clean Water State Revolving Fund \(CWSRF\) Program - California Grants Portal](#)

Water Recycling Funding Program (WRFP) Planning Grant – State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)

ROLLING APPLICATION

The WRFP Planning Grant will generally cover 50% of the planning costs to develop a recycled water feasibility study. Generally, all costs necessary to determine the feasibility of using recycled water and to select an alternative to offset or augment the use of fresh/potable water from state or local supplies may be eligible for the planning grant. The maximum grant amount is established by the State Water Resources Control Board in the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Intended Use Plan, or as otherwise limited by the State Water Resources Control Board. A disadvantaged community (DAC) or severely disadvantaged community (SDAC) may receive 100% of the eligible planning costs up to the maximum

established by the State Water Resources Control Board. The grant maximum has been \$150,000 in previous years. Applications for WRFP Planning Grants are accepted continuously, and there is ample funding available. Applicants should submit an application including a Plan of Study, which will be used to determine the costs eligible for grant funding.

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/water_recycling/

Rural Community Development Program (RCD) Water and Wastewater Treatment Systems Training and Technical Assistance Project— United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

No new information. Dudek will monitor.

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Community Services announces the availability of approximately \$11million in Rural Community Development (RCD) discretionary grant funds. RCD funds must be used to provide training and technical assistance to: Increase access for low-income families to water supply and waste disposal services, preserve affordable water and waste disposal services in low-income rural communities, increase local capacity and expertise to establish and maintain needed community facilities, increase economic opportunities for low-income rural communities by ensuring they have basic water and sanitation, utilize technical assistance to leverage additional public and private resources, and promote improved coordination of Federal, state, and local agencies and financing programs to benefit low-income communities.

<https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/355619>



Native American Preparedness Tribal Grant – California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)

ROLLING APPLICATION

The Tribal Preparedness Grant is part of the Office of Spill Prevention and Response Program and supports California Native American tribes in preparing for and enhancing emergency preparedness, response, and recovery efforts while protecting their ancestral lands and communities from oil spills. Eligible applicants include Tribal Government.

[Native American Preparedness Tribal Grant - California Grants Portal](#)

Explore the Coast Overnight – California Coastal Conservancy

ROLLING APPLICATION

The Conservancy's Explore the Coast Overnight Program was created to expand opportunities for all Californians to stay overnight at the coast, particularly individuals and youth from low- and middle-income households, communities of color, at-risk or underserved populations, and others that face barriers to accessing the coast. The goals of the Explore the Coast Overnight Program include helping improve existing and develop new lower-cost coastal accommodations; ensuring that new or renovated coastal accommodation projects are available to all Californians, in particular low- and middle-income Californians and organizations that serve under-resourced communities; supporting innovative pilot projects; creating and preserving a variety of lower-cost coastal accommodations; and maintaining and increasing the stock of lower-cost coastal accommodations along the California coast.

The Conservancy provides grant funds for the planning, design, permitting, and/or construction of lower-cost coastal accommodation projects that advance the goals and priorities of the Explore the Coast Overnight Program.

[Explore the Coast Overnight - California Grants Portal](#)

The Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience Program (SAFER) – State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)

ROLLING APPLICATION

In 2019, Senate Bill (SB) 200 established the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water (SADW) Fund to address funding gaps and provide solutions to water systems, especially those serving DACs, to address both their short- and long-term drinking water needs. The SADW Fund is one of several funds that are part of the larger SAFER Program.

[The Safe and Affordable Funding for Equity and Resilience Program \(SAFER\) - California Grants Portal](#)

Tribal Management Grant Program – Indian Health Service (IHS)

Forecasted Opportunity

The purpose of this program is to enhance and develop health management infrastructure and assist Tribes and Tribal Organizations (T/TO) in assuming all or part of existing IHS programs, functions, services, and activities (PFSA) through a Title I Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (ISDEAA) contract and assist established title I ISDEAA contractors and Title V ISDEAA compactors to further develop and improve management capability. In addition, Tribal Management Grants are available to T/TOs under the authority of 25 U.S.C. 5322(e) for the following:

1. Obtaining technical assistance from providers designated by the T/TO (including T/TOs that operate mature contracts) for the purposes of program planning and evaluation, including the development of any management systems necessary for contract management, and the development of cost allocation plans for indirect cost rates.
2. Planning, designing, monitoring, and evaluating Federal programs serving T/TOs, including Federal administrative functions.

[Search Results Detail | Grants.gov](#)

FY 2024 Tribal EMPG Program— Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES)

No new information. Dudek will monitor.

The purpose of the EMPG Program for Federally Recognized Tribes in California (FY 2024 Tribal EMPG) is to assist federally-recognized tribes in preparing for all hazards. Funds provided under this Program must be used to support activities that effectively contribute to the tribe's capability to prevent, prepare for, mitigate against, respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters, whether natural or man-made.

<https://www.grants.ca.gov/grants/fy-2024-tribal-empg-program/>

Environmental Regulatory Enhancement — United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

No new information. Dudek will monitor.

The Administration for Children and Families, Administration for Native Americans announces the availability of Fiscal Year 2025 funds for community-based projects for the Environmental Regulatory Enhancement (ERE) program. The ERE program provides funding for the costs of planning, developing, and implementing programs designed to improve the capability of tribal governing bodies to regulate environmental quality pursuant to federal and tribal environmental laws.

<https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/355798>



habitat restoration/environment

Inland Wetlands Conservation – Wildlife Conservation Board

ROLLING APPLICATIONS

The Inland Wetlands Conservation Program (IWCP) was created to assist the Central Valley Joint Venture (CVJV) in its mission to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands and associated habitats. The CVJV, a partnership of twenty two public and private organizations and agencies, has identified through its Implementation Plan, specific goals to increase migratory bird populations. The Inland Wetland Conservation Program (IWCP) jurisdiction matches that of the Central Valley Joint Venture and includes most of the watershed of the Central Valley. The Implementation Plan and the IWCP, however, continue to focus on the Central Valley floor, which extends approximately 400 miles from Red Bluff in the north to Bakersfield in the south and encompasses the following nine basins: Butte, Colusa, Sutter, Yolo, American, Suisun Marsh, Delta, San Joaquin, and Tulare.

Eligible activities under this program include:

- Acquisition of land or water for wetlands or wildlife friendly agriculture
- Acquisition of conservation easements
- Restoration of public or private lands
- Enhancement of existing degraded habitats

Eligible recipients for grants under this program include:

- Nonprofit organizations
- Local governmental agencies
- State agencies
- Federal agencies

[Inland Wetlands Conservation - California Grants Portal](#)

Riparian Habitat Conservation – California Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

ROLLING APPLICATION

The California Riparian Habitat Conservation Program (Program) was created in 1991 by legislation ([Senate Bill 906](#)) and is generally funded through the state's Habitat Conservation Fund. The Program's basic mission is to develop coordinated conservation efforts aimed at protecting and restoring California's riparian ecosystems. Riparian systems look and function differently across the state but possess some common ecological and hydrological characteristics such as fish and wildlife habitat, water storage, flood control, nutrient cycling, water quality protection, and recreational and economic benefits.

Riparian projects include, but are not limited to:

- Restoring riparian vegetation and re-establishing floodplain connectivity.
- Active or passive restoration that may include an element of invasive plant removal and control.
- Installing wildlife-friendly fencing along a riparian corridor to manage livestock and reduce impacts to streams or riparian vegetation.
- Reconfiguring degraded or incised streams to restore natural hydrology and encourage reestablishment of native riparian habitat.
- Planning, design, and environmental clearance for riparian restoration.

<https://wcb.ca.gov/Programs/Riparian>

Public Access – California Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

ROLLING APPLICATION

The Public Access Program is one of the original Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) programs established in 1947. Initially the Public Access Program worked with California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to support projects focused on the protection and development of public access areas and the promotion of hunting and fishing opportunities. Over time, the WCB's authority expanded to new partners, and today the Public Access Program provides planning and implementation funds to support wildlife-oriented recreation opportunities. Fundable activities and infrastructure include but are not limited to: multi-lingual interpretive signs, trails, ADA parking and restrooms, community outreach, and development of interpretive programs.

[Public Access - California Grants Portal](#)

Oak Woodlands Conservation – California Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

ROLLING APPLICATION

The Oak Woodlands Conservation Program offers landowners, conservation organizations, cities and counties, an opportunity to obtain funding for projects designed to conserve and restore California's oak woodlands. While the Program is statewide in nature, it provides opportunities to address oak woodland issues on a regional priority basis. The Program is

designed to help local efforts achieve oak woodland protection. More importantly, this Program provides a mechanism to bring ranchers and conservationists together in a manner that allows both to achieve that which is so valued - sustainable ranch and farming operations and healthy oak woodlands.

[Oak Woodlands Conservation - California Grants Portal](#)

Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Rescue – California Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

ROLLING APPLICATION

The Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Rescue Program was created by Assembly Bill 2421, and signed into law in 2018 becoming effective immediately. The Program was created for the purpose of recovering and sustaining populations of monarch butterflies and other pollinators.

<https://www.grants.ca.gov/grants/monarch-butterfly-and-pollinator-rescue/>

Climate Adaptation and Resiliency – California Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

ROLLING APPLICATION

The Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program was created by AB109, which amended the Budget Act of 2017 to provide local assistance through the Wildlife Conservation Board for conservation projects focusing on resilience to projected climate impacts. These projects must be consistent with the State's climate adaptation strategy (Safeguarding California Plan), contribute to the carbon sequestration goals of AB 32, and support WCB's Strategic Plan. In addition, projects will be consistent with other statewide plans and priorities, including the California Water Action Plan and California State Wildlife Action Plan 2015 Update. Program funding is directed toward projects that:

- Protect and restore ecosystems on natural and working lands to provide climate change adaptation and resilience for wildlife.
- Assist natural and working lands managers in implementing practices that provide climate adaptation and resilience.
- Increase carbon sequestration in natural and working lands, and provide additional social, economic, and environmental benefits, or "co-benefits"

<https://www.grants.ca.gov/grants/climate-adaptation-and-resiliency-2/>

Wildlife Corridor and Fish Passage – California Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

ROLLING APPLICATION

The Program is seeking proposals for planning or implementation projects that construct, repair, modify, or remove transportation infrastructure or water resources infrastructure improving passage for wildlife or fish. Additional consideration will be given for projects that restore or enhance wildlife mobility or fish passage across barriers whose impacts on migration have been increased by drought conditions.

<https://www.grants.ca.gov/grants/wildlife-corridor-and-fish-passage-2/>

Cleanup, Remediation, and Watershed Enhancement Funding Opportunity – California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)

ROLLING APPLICATION

Through this grant program, CDFW is looking to fund projects to enhance watersheds/environments impacted by illegal cannabis cultivation. Projects should focus on planning, cleanup/remediation, or implementation. Projects could look to reduce environmental contaminants and waste associated with cultivation practices. Projects could be completed on private or public land. Projects that enhance wildlife habitat and biodiversity are eligible for funding.

[Cleanup, Remediation, and Watershed Enhancement Funding Opportunity - California Grants Portal](#)

Habitat Enhancement and Restoration – California Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

ROLLING APPLICATION

When the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) was created by the Wildlife Conservation Law of 1947, it was authorized to acquire and restore California lands to protect wildlife values and provide wildlife-oriented public access. The Habitat Enhancement and Restoration Program (HERP) was WCB's first program and incorporated all restoration projects until other WCB programs were initiated in 1990. HERP continues to support a wide variety of restoration projects that fall outside WCB's other mandated programs. HERP projects are distributed throughout California and all habitat types. Broad categories of HERP projects include, but are not limited to:

- Habitat restoration (e.g., coast, wetland, grassland)
- Wildlife corridors
- Fisheries enhancements (e.g., fish ladders, barrier removal)

[Habitat Enhancement and Restoration - California Grants Portal](#)

Wildlife Corridors – Nature Based Solutions – California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)

ROLLING APPLICATION

This grant provides funding for connectivity planning and implementation projects consistent with the State Wildlife Action Plan, the state's efforts on connectivity, and the Fish Passage Annual Legislative Report or efforts to allow fish and wildlife the freedom to roam in California by accelerating fish and wildlife corridor projects.

[Nature Based Solutions – Wildlife Corridors - California Grants Portal](#)

Stream Flow Enhancement – California Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

ROLLING APPLICATION

The following are funding priorities for the stream flow enhancement projects:

- Implementation projects resulting in measurable increases in stream flow
- Acquisition projects resulting in permanent or long-term in-stream flow dedication
- Projects that are focused on a watershed or regional approach
- Projects in critical watersheds for salmonids
- Projects that help to complete previously funded projects
- Projects that evaluate stream flow conditions and stream responses to other stream flow enhancement projects

Funded projects are also consistent with the objectives and actions outlined in the California Water Action Plan, with the primary focus on enhancing flow in streams that support anadromous fish; support special-status, threatened, endangered, or at-risk species; or provide resilience to climate change. From 2016-2021, the SFEP has granted approximately \$134 million in funding to 128 projects.

[Stream Flow Enhancement - California Grants Portal](#)

Fisheries Restoration Grant Program – California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)

Applications are due 12/31/26.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is pleased to announce funding opportunities under the 2025 Fisheries Restoration Grant Program (FRGP) Proposal Solicitation Notice (Solicitation) for projects that lead to process-based restoration, enhancement, or protection of anadromous salmonid habitat. Proposal applications will be accepted for the types of projects listed below, subject to the funding program criteria. Priority 1 Projects are those that restore, enhance, or protect salmonid habitat in anadromous watersheds through implementation or design projects that lead to implementation. Approximately 65% of the PCSRF grant award will fund Priority 1 Projects. Priority 2 projects are those that support implementation projects through watershed-scale planning and effectiveness monitoring. Funding support is based on availability. Priority 3 Projects are those that support implementation projects through planning, outreach, and/or education. Approximately 10% of the PCSRF grant award will fund Priority 3 Projects. Proposals for FRGP programmatic permit required effectiveness monitoring are ineligible.

[Fisheries Restoration Grant Program \(2026\) - California Grants Portal](#)

Partners for Fish and Wildlife FY 25 – United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)

Closed on 9/30/2025. Dudek will monitor.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) Program helps private landowners restore and protect habitats for fish and wildlife. It offers both technical assistance and financial support, mainly through cooperative agreements. The PFW Program has over 250 staff working in all 50 states and territories. They work together with project partners and stakeholders in key areas for conservation and set habitat goals. These focus areas guide the program on where to direct resources for conserving important habitats for federal trust species. The Program also has strategic plans that help determine which projects receive funding. Since it began in 1987, the PFW Program has successfully assisted many landowners. When choosing projects, the Program aims to support specific priorities set by the Administration and Secretary of the Interior. All projects will promote the goals of the Program, the Department of the Interior, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. These goals focus on increasing biological diversity and are based on sound scientific principles. Applicants seeking technical or financial assistance from the PFW Program are required to contact a local Program office BEFORE developing or applying by visiting our website.

<https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/358381>



Senate Bill 1 Sea Level Rise Adaptation Planning Grant Program – California Ocean Protection Council (OPC)

ROLLING APPLICATION: Deadlines are June 26, 2026; September 11, 2026.

The SB 1 Grant Program aims to provide funding for sea level rise (SLR) adaptation planning to help prepare communities for the impacts of climate change. While many jurisdictions have advanced planning already underway or complete, many others have yet to begin comprehensive planning or assessments. The Ocean Protection Council (OPC) aims to address this need by offering funding for a range of SLR planning activities. These fall into the following categories: Track 1: SLR Adaptation Planning (Phase 1: Pre-planning, Phase 2: Data Collection, Phase 3: Planning); Track 2: SLR Implementation Projects (Phase 4: Project Implementation). Applicants that are eligible to apply for this SB 1 Grant Program opportunity consist of local governments, regional governments, and federally recognized tribal governments. Organizations or consultants who apply on a government's behalf may be considered, however, explicit support and collaboration between the organization and government must be provided within the application (via Letter of Support).

<https://www.opc.ca.gov/sb-1-funding/>

Active Transportation Program – California Transportation Commission

ROLLING APPLICATION

The Active Transportation Plan include, but are not limited to, increasing the proportion of trips accomplished by walking and biking, increasing the safety and mobility of non-motorized users, advancing efforts of regional agencies to achieve greenhouse gas reduction goals, enhancing public health, and providing a broad spectrum of projects to benefit many types of users including disadvantaged communities. Since its inception, the Active Transportation Program has funded over 800 active transportation projects across the state benefiting both urban and rural areas. More than 400 of the funded projects are Safe Routes to Schools projects and programs that encourage a healthy and active lifestyle throughout students' lives. In addition, every cycle has seen more than 85% of funds going towards projects that will benefit disadvantaged communities throughout the state. Nonprofits, public agencies, and Tribal governments are eligible to apply.

<https://catc.ca.gov/programs/active-transportation-program>

Cost Share for Federal Funding Opportunities Clean Hydrogen Program – California Energy Commission (CEC)

ROLLING APPLICATION

This funding opportunity is available under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL): Clean Hydrogen Electrolysis, Manufacturing, and Recycling. The Clean Hydrogen Program was created to implement projects to demonstrate or scale-up hydrogen production, processing, delivery, storage, or end use. Projects must be in California and cannot supplant or result in duplicative offset credits or other forms of compliance credits. Public, tribal, and public entities are eligible to apply.

<https://www.energy.ca.gov/solicitations/2023-05/gfo-22-903-cost-share-federal-funding-opportunities-clean-hydrogen-program>

Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program – California Governor’s Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation

Draft guidelines released, solicitation anticipated.

Extreme heat will impact every community in California and is a public health, climate resilience, and social equity problem. Climate change is causing more frequent and severe consecutive, unusually hot days and nights – known as extreme heat events. The effects of extreme heat vary widely across regions, communities, and even adjacent neighborhoods. Some areas accustomed to hot temperatures are experiencing very hot conditions while other areas that have been historically cool are experiencing warmer temperatures. The Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program (EHCPR) has released draft guidelines for its second round of funding. This round (Round 2) is supported by the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund and Proposition 4. The program aims to fund and support local, regional, and Tribal efforts to reduce the impacts of extreme heat.

[Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program - Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation](#)

Proposition 4 Offshore Wind Port Development Program – California Energy Commission (CEC)

Solicitation anticipated, public comment period ending on May 22, 2026.

The Proposition 4 Offshore Wind Ports Development (POPD) Program can provide up to \$475 million in grants to publicly owned ports for specified activities supporting the development of offshore wind generation, including:

- Expansion of port infrastructure to accommodate large vessels that service offshore wind equipment.
- Upgrades to port facilities.
- Construction of publicly owned port facilities to support offshore wind.

The CEC must prioritize projects that can show matching funds or that are located at staging and integration ports that have released a notice of preparation pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act process on or before February 29, 2024.

[Proposition 4 Offshore Wind Port Development Program | California Energy Commission](#)



Replacing, Removing, or Upgrading Underground Storage Tanks (RUST) Grant – State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)

ROLLING APPLICATION

Replacing, Removing, or Upgrading Underground Storage Tanks (RUST) grants are available to assist small business underground storage tank (UST) owners and operators in financing up to 100 percent of the costs necessary to upgrade, remove, or replace project tanks to comply with the requirements of Health and Safety Code section 25284.1, 25292.05, 25292.4, 25292.5, or 41954. Please note that removal-only projects are now eligible for RUST grants. Grants are available for between \$3,000 and \$70,000 to eligible UST owners/operators. An additional \$140,000 in RUST grant moneys above the \$70,000 maximum is available for remote public fueling stations for the purpose of removing and replacing a single-walled UST. Grant applicants must be a UST owner and/or operator and meet all of the following requirements: (i) The applicant is a small business that employs fewer than 20 full-time and part-time employees, is independently owned and operated, and is not dominant in its field of operation; (ii) The grant applicant’s principal office and its officers must be domiciled in California; (iii) The facility where the project tank is located was legally in business retailing gasoline after January 1, 1999. All of the tanks owned and operated by the grant applicant are subject to compliance with Health and Safety Code chapter 6.7 and implementing regulations. The facility where the subject tank is located has sold, at retail, less than 900,000 gallons of gasoline annually for each of the two years preceding the submission of the grant application. The grant applicant meets either of the following: (i) The grant applicant is in compliance with Health and Safety Code sections 41954 and 25290.1, 25290.2, 25291, or subdivisions (d) and (e) of section 25292; (The facility must provide a current UST permit, a current Permit to Operate, and proof of EVR compliance as evidence of compliance with the permit compliance requirements.) or (ii) The grant applicant meets the requirements for a waiver from the RUST grant permit compliance requirements. (The project is for removal-only and the grant applicant does not qualify for a RUST loan.)

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ustcf/rust.html

Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grant Program – California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)

ROLLING APPLICATION

The RLF Grant Program provides grants to help nonprofits, tribal entities, and local governments who are not potentially liable under CERCLA Section 107 assess or clean up brownfields that they own. DTSC accepts applications continuously, subject to fund availability.

<https://dtsc.ca.gov/revolving-loan-fund-rlf-program/>

Cleanup Loans and Environmental Assistance to Neighborhoods (CLEAN) Program – California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)

ROLLING APPLICATION

DTSC’s CLEAN Loan Program provides low-interest loans for property owners, developers, community groups, and local governments to investigate, cleanup, and redevelop abandoned and underutilized urban properties. Loans are used for the cleanup or removal of hazardous materials where redevelopment is likely to have a beneficial impact on the property values, economic viability, and quality of life of a community.

<https://dtsc.ca.gov/clean-and-iscp-programs/>

Infrastructure State Revolving Fund (ISRF) Program – Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank (I-Bank)

ROLLING APPLICATION

ISRF loans can fund a wide variety of projects, including water and wastewater treatment plant upgrades or construction, venue or airport construction, or street repair and upgrades. ISRF financing is available in amounts ranging from \$1 million to \$65 million with loan terms for the useful life of the project up to 30 years.

<https://ibank.ca.gov/loans/infrastructure-loans/>

Volunteer Fire Capacity (VFC) – California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

Application closes on May 31, 2026.

The Volunteer Fire Capacity (VFC) Program is a federally funded grant program that allows California to provide local and rural fire departments with minor firefighting, training, communications, and safety equipment for their volunteer firefighters. The VFC Program is not intended for major equipment purchases (fire engines, vehicles, etc.) or capital repairs. The VFC Program has a 50/50 match provision, which requires the applying department to be able to meet the intended grant award, dollar for dollar. Awards for departments are set at a minimum of \$500 with a maximum of \$20,000. Amounts may be adjusted based on the grant funding available.

<https://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/fire-protection/cooperative-efforts>

Arts and Youth – California Arts Council (CAC)

Applications due on May 12, 2026.

The Arts and Youth program is rooted in the CAC's belief that arts learning and engagement should be available to all young people in California. Providing access to meaningful, culturally responsive arts experiences helps youth develop a greater sense of self, deepen their connection to their communities, and make meaningful connections across histories and cultures. By participating in the arts, youth gain the knowledge, skills, and understanding to actively take part in creative processes, projects, and pursuits throughout their lifetimes as culturally literate, engaged citizens.

The CAC acknowledges that barriers to access are compounded by factors such as socio-economic status, geographic isolation, gender identity, racial identity, cultural identity, digital divide and disability and is committed to addressing these barriers in order to achieve greater equity. The Arts and Youth program expands meaningful arts participation and learning in diverse settings and contexts for infants, children, and youth ages 0-25 by prioritizing programs that directly bridge barriers to access and participation.

<https://arts.ca.gov/grants/grant-programs/>

Impact Projects - California Arts Council (CAC)

Applications due on May 12, 2026.

Impact Projects supports arts organizations for collaborations between California-based artist(s) and community members to address a community-defined need. Projects must use artistic practices to impact social issues affecting their communities, including but not limited to systemic marginalization, incarceration/justice systems, arts learning, poverty/economic disparity, health disparities, accessibility for people with disabilities, housing insecurity, violence, food insecurity, cultural/social justice, intergenerational/multigenerational learning, veterans' issues, immigrant/refugee/asylum seeker/migrant issues, LGBTQIA+ issues, environmental sustainability, and climate change/natural disasters/climate refugee issues.

<https://arts.ca.gov/grants/grant-programs/>

General Operating Support - California Arts Council (CAC)

Applications due on May 12, 2026.

This grant supports the well-being of California's cultural vitality by helping sustain a robust and diverse arts workforce and infrastructure. Funds may be used to support any eligible expenses associated with the general operations of an arts or cultural organization, including but not limited to rent, utilities, and staff salaries. Applying for this grant does not restrict an organization from applying for other CAC project-based grants. General Operating grants are intended to support the applicant organization in carrying out its mission. Funding is not intended to support a specific project.

<https://arts.ca.gov/grants/grant-programs/>

State-Local Partners - California Arts Council (CAC)

Applications due on May 12, 2026.

The State-Local Partners (SLP) program provides general operating support and technical assistance for county-designated local arts agencies. The purpose of the program is to foster cultural development on the local level through a partnership between the State and the counties of California. A local arts agency is defined as the official county-designated organization that supports arts and cultural activity in service to individuals and communities throughout an entire county. Local arts agencies provide financial support, services, and/or other programming to a variety of arts organizations, individual artists, and the community. A local arts agency can be a unit of local government or a nonprofit organization.

<https://arts.ca.gov/grants/grant-programs/>